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## YOUNG MEN

At the beginning of the new year, probably the best time to look back on the old and the new of human nature. This will be particularly well to young men. They are on the threshold of life, as it were, about to enter the duties incumbent upon them. Are they going to be gentlemen or rowdies? Are they going to be loving husbands, exemplary fathers, reliable business men, trustworthy mechanics, honest laborers, or will they become renegade Catholics, debauchees and a disgrace to parents and country? There are only two courses for them to pursue, the right and the wrong. There can be no middle ground. They must choose now. Education, companionship and environment have much to do with the formation of character. It is the character that makes the man. Reputation is only part of the character's clothing. The reputation is generally indicative of the character, but not always. The character of a man frequents the sacred, is a good husband, gives his children the best possible educational advantages, sees to it that they are taught lessons of Catholicism and probity. Yet his reputation may be maligned. His enemies may put him down as an impostor; even his friends may count him as a freak. That does not hurt his character. Only shy, unconfident character, though they are distinct attributes of man.

The young men will be our legislators, poets, directors of commerce, professional men and men of letters. Every young American should be ambitious, if he sees it that he does not in his own soul. That is the important feature of all. Without attaining the end for which God created him his labors will be void. Man is a social creature. He needs friendship, and whether he is capable or not he admires charity and self-abnegation in others. In order to train young men to practice charity and self-sacrifice they have to be taught from infancy, as they are in Catholic parochial schools and colleges, but it is in the few years after leaving these schools and colleges that determine to a great extent their future conduct. Human nature is prone to take liberty for license. Hence many young men, just released from school, attempt to soar on wings of wax only to find them melting in the sun, and they drop to immeasurable depths, never to be heard of more.

Such thoughts as these filled the Americans who founded the Young Men's Institute, a society whose motto is: "For God and For Country." The founders builded well, since they knew that the future hope of the Church and State in America was founded on the young men—not the young men of any particular year, but of each succeeding year.

The Y. M. I. has proved a blessing to the young men of every State in which its councils have flourished. Its members must be practical Catholics to begin with, and they must remain practical Catholics while enjoying the benefits of the order. There are hundreds and hundreds who should avail themselves of the benefit of this grand organization that lead them to high ambitions, happy and Christian life.

## CHRISTIAN FRATERNITY.

When the Rev. Father Berkery was buried at Medina, N. Y., a few days ago the obsequies were conducted in the new Catholic church which is without a bell. Nearby is a Baptist church with a big, deep-toned bell. The Baptist pastor and his congregation tolled their bell while the funeral procession was in progress. This in keeping with the true spirit of Christian fraternity. Would that there was more good feeling of this kind shown.

These are the days of humbuggery as well as surprises, and when the correspondent of a Chicago newspaper announces that he intends to try to locate the North Pole in an airship, only thinking men ask him to locate the airship first.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

From a Kentucky Priest Who Presides Over Country Parish.

The Rev. Father A. Reinhart, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy at Hodgenville, has issued a little card to his friends in which he forcibly calls to mind the uncertainty of life, which we reproduce for the benefit of our readers: "Every fair-minded person at times asks the question, 'How long or short is the life of any one in time and eternity?' for the plans of life have to be made accordingly. The answer given by census statistics and modern insurance companies is that the average person lives, at a given age, so many years, as follows:

## LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Or Epiphany Is Observed Today as a Feast of Devotion.

Today is Epiphany or, as it is sometimes called, Twelfth day. Formerly it was a holy day of obligation, but when the number of holy days in this country was reduced by the last Plenary Council of Baltimore Epiphany was stricken from the list, though it is still observed. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the three Magi or wise men, who having seen His star in the East went to adore the infant Jesus. Tradition has it that they were Balthazar, an Egyptian; Melchior, a Hindoo, and Gaspar, a Greek. They brought to the infant Savior gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It is also a tradition that on this day occurred three great events in the life of Our Lord—the adoration by the Magi, the baptism of Christ by St. John in later years and still later the wedding at Cana, where Christ performed his miracle, that of changing water into wine.

Epiphany is also called Little Christmas, and in many Catholic homes the Christmas trees and evergreens are not removed from the house until after this day.

## AMERICAN-IRISH CELEBRATE.

The American-Irish Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and dinner at the Hotel Manhattan, in New York, on Thursday evening, January 18. President General John D. Crumrine will preside and the Hon. Joseph T. Lawless, of Virginia, will deliver an address on "Daniel Morgan and the Battle of the Cowpens." This was one of the effective battles of the Revolution and was won by Irish-American soldiers and officers. The British forces inflicted heavy losses on the American forces, yet the contest ended with advantage to the Revolutionists.

## HAS LIGHTS TO BURN.

The employees of the Frank Walter Brewing Company presented Mr. Walter with seventy-five incandescent electric lights for his safe as a New Year's gift. The new illumination makes Walter's cafe the best lighted place of entertainment in the city.

## SOCIETY.

Mrs. D. B. Tarry, of Marietta, Ohio, is the guest of Miss Katie Henley.

Miss Catherine Mayer, daughter of August C. Mayer, is visiting friends in Indianapolis.

Miss Katie Nugent, of Bowling Green, has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in this city.

Tobe Greiner, the well known contractor and builder, is enjoying the water at West Baden Springs.

Miss Nora McDonough has returned from Floyd Knobs, Ind., where she spent the holidays with friends.

Miss Louise Silliman, of Portland, and her brother Charles have returned from a visit to relatives at Loretto.

Mrs. Thomas Bennett, who was operated upon at St. Joseph's Infirmary last week, is improving rapidly.

Miss Alice Schaulie has been spending a week with her sister, Miss Alexina, who is in the novitiate at Loretto.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buckman have returned home after an enjoyable visit to friends and relatives in Springfield.

Miss Minnie Fowler, of Elizabethtown, has returned home after a delightful visit to Miss Anna Rihn, in this city.

Misses Emma and Bessie Fisher, of Portland, entertained the Young Ladies' Euchre Club on Wednesday evening.

Frank P. Carroll, the genial Deputy Sheriff, has returned from a period of rest and recreation at West Baden Springs.

Miss Alice Crawley has returned to college at Lexington after spending the holidays with her parents in Louisville.

Miss Lizzie Slack, of West Point, Ky., has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Farris Lilly, in this city.

Mrs. Charles O'Brien, who visited relatives in Portland during the holidays, left Tuesday for her home in Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Katherine Carr, who spent the holidays with her parents in Portland, has returned to St. Catherine's Academy at Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rawley entertained the S. B. club with a bounteous supper Thursday evening at their home, 1404 Hampton avenue.

John Coleman, Jr., who spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city, will return to Pottstown, Pa., where he is attending school, today.

Anthony Barrett, who spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Barrett, 888 East Main street, will return to St. Mary's College on Monday.

Miss Nellie May Haus, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aulbrook, in Portland, has returned to Sacred Heart Academy at Crescent Hill.

Mrs. Otto Yent, wife of the proprietor of the Manhattan restaurant, was removed to St. Anthony's Hospital on Monday night. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. John T. Malone gave a delightful dance Tuesday evening in honor of her bright and attractive daughter, Miss Edythe, who came home from college to spend the holidays with her parents in this city.

Mrs. Patrick Delaney and daughters, Mrs. Mary Gallagher and Misses Marguerite and Kathryn Delaney, of Hartford, City, Ind., were the guests at a New Year dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dougherty, formerly of this city, at Muncie, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rueff entertained a gathering of friends and relatives on New Year's eve at their home, 1505 Webster street. Prof. Joseph's orchestra, of which Mr. Rueff is a member, entertained those present with musical selections during the course of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin entertained a large gathering of friends at their home New Year's eve. Vocal and instrumental music were features of the evening. After a bounteous supper there were toasts to both host and hostess and happy responses by Messrs. John E. Browne, Maurice Wolfe, Joseph McCarthy and others.

Charles J. Coyle and Miss Mary Willie Hagan, both of New Haven, Ky., will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at St. Catherine's church in this city on January 10. The groom is one of New Haven's prominent young business men.

The bride-elect is the charming daughter of William B. Hagan, a prosperous farmer near New Haven.

To the great regret of his friends "Squire John N. Veltin is confined to his home, 706 East Kentucky street, by a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Veltin's term as Magistrate expired on Jan. 1, and he was to have been sworn in on Tuesday as Chief Deputy Assessor. Owing to his illness the oath of office was not administered.

One of the most pleasant social events of the past week was the reception given Thursday night by Messrs. Charles and John B. Nadorff in honor of their mother, Mrs. Victoria Nadorff, at the family residence, 305 Eighteenth street. The guests were entertained with vocal and instrumental music and during the evening they were regaled with an abundance of refreshments.

Miss Hattie Brunck entertained her friends with a "Watch party" at her home, 1215 East Broadway, on New Year's Eve. Among those present were

Misses Blanche Zone, Lillian Walter, Mary C. Ridge, Ella Zrack, Hattie and Lillian Brunck, and Messrs. Fred Lesler, Will Zehnder, Robert Dickens, John Bartman, Albert Herman, Will Ernest, William Brunck and Mr. and Mrs. John Brunck.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Mulligan, both formerly of this city, now of Ottawa, Can., spent part of the week in this city. Mr. Mulligan was formerly assistant manager of the Louisville Hotel. His wife was Miss Marie Zanone Hill and the sister of Mrs. George Mulligan. They spent Christmas in Chicago and then ran down to Louisville to visit friends on the New Year.

One of the jolliest watch parties of the season was that which gathered at the home of Miss Aileen Clements, 2038 Floyd street, to speed the parting and greet the new year. The parlors were tastefully decorated and illuminated and the elegant supper to which the guests were seated passed the hours happily. Among those present were Misses Henrietta Kaiser, Aileen Clements, Frances Trompeter, Julia Henry, Agnes Clements, Gertrude Cambron, Hattie Higgins, Marie Clements, Mrs. Thomas D. Cline; Messrs. Charles Weissenberger, Reginald Clements, Henry Hurst, Charles Obermeyer, Newton Kinser, Harvey Gies, Alexander Blandford, Gus Vacca and Thomas D. Cline.

The engagement of Miss Mamie Elora Ackerman and Sebastian O. Hubbuch has been announced. The wedding will take place on February 7, and will be performed at St. Anthony's church. The ceremony will be followed by a nuptial mass. No invitations will be issued. After a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride the happy couple will leave on the bridal trip of three weeks through the South. On their return they will be at home at 2112 West Market street. The bride-elect is a daughter of Philip Ackerman, the wealthy brewer, and is widely known for her many charming graces. Mr. Hubbuch is a member of the firm of Joseph Hubbuch & Sons and is a young man of great promise in business circles.

## WISHED HIM SUCCESS.

A luncheon was given at the home of Albert F. Martin, 616 East Gray street, last week in honor of his election as President of Trinity Council, Y. M. I. Among those present were Messrs. A. G. Schneider, Robert Goebel, Edward P. Wolff, John J. Sullivan, Sr. and Jr., Edward Kelly, August Prante, Joseph Meyer, Henry Beckman, Ben F. Hund, Andrew Kieffer, P. L. and James P. Mallon, Dr. Ben J. Lammers, Louis Kempf, Mark F. Morris, Harry F. Stoer and Frank Martin. Mr. Martin was presented with a half barrel of common beer by Frank Walter and the guests ate, drank and smoked until midnight. Speeches were made by all present wishing Capt. Martin and Trinity Council success during the new year.

## IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul's Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in St. Francis' Hall, in the basement of the Cathedral, at 8 o'clock Monday night. Matters of importance will be brought before the meeting, and President Campbell requests that every conference be represented. In case the regular officer of any conference is unable to attend he is desired to send some other member to represent him.

## PRETTY CALENDAR.

One of the many attractive calendars sent out by advertisers this year is that issued by Sylvester Rapier & Co., bankers at New Haven, Ky. The calendar is adorned by an artistically toned out showing a scene on the Big Horn river. The typographical work is beautifully done in silver and gold. The calendars are gotten up by the New Haven Echo Publishing Company and reflect credit on Editor John J. Barry, the designer and executor.

## GENEROUS GIFT.

Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, wife of the New York millionaire and new head of the Equitable Assurance Company, will build and endow a hospital at Lynchburg, Va. A religious order will be placed in charge. Plans for the new hospital are being prepared by Joseph M. McGuire, the New York architect who designed the Cathedral at Richmond which was given to the Catholics of that city by Mr. Ryan. The new hospital will cost \$100,000.

## POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

No more popular appointment in the Court House has been made recently than that of Raymond Flanagan, who was appointed clerk of the Quarterly Court by Judge Charles A. Wilson on Tuesday. Several months ago William W. Melone resigned as Quarterly Clerk and Raymond Flanagan, his deputy, succeeded to the vacancy. Now he has been appointed for a full term and his many friends are congratulating him.

## EUCHRE AND DANCE.

Handsome invitations have been issued to a euchre and dance to be given by the Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Y. M. I., at Trinity Council hall, 718 East Gray street, next Wednesday evening. The euchre games will be called at 8:30 o'clock. The ladies deserve to have a large crowd.

## FORTY HOURS.

The beautiful Forty Hour's devotion will begin at St. Boniface's church, on Green street, near Jackson, at the 10 o'clock mass tomorrow. The altar and sanctuary have been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The exercises will close on Tuesday morning.

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## GRAPHIC

Story of Events in Rome by Student of the American College.

Thanksgiving Day Celebrated in True American Style by the Students.

Received in Audience by Pope on Feast of Immaculate Conception.

## HIS HOLY PRESENCE THRILLED THEM

Through the extreme kindness of a young ecclesiastical student, whose home is in this city, but who is completing his studies in another diocese, the Kentucky Irish American is permitted to lay before its readers extracts from a letter written by Peter J. Dooley, a young St. Louis Irish-American ecclesiastical student who is pursuing his studies at the American College in Rome. Comment is unnecessary. The young man speaks from his heart. In part he says:

"My! How I envy your Christmas holidays. Giving up those was one of my greatest sacrifices, but I feel that I am being amply repaid for it. Just think, this will be your last vacation! We will have a vacation around Christmas, of course not so long as yours. We close December 23 and resume operations on January 2. I have no definite idea of what it is to spend Christmas over here, but anticipate a pleasant time, as there are bright prospects ahead, at least for a part of the time.

"Things are running along smoothly here now and John and myself have become full fledged collegians. We have had some very important occurrences here of late—principally our Thanksgiving celebration and our audience with the Holy Father on December 8, so I shall indulge in a few details of those two events. Of course Thanksgiving is strictly an American institution and has no place locally except among the few Americans here. Hence, being few in number, we had to make as good a showing as possible and the result was gratifying. On that morning we had the Stars and Stripes hung out in front of the college, so that all persons might know that something was doing inside. In the morning a bunch of us took a trip to the Palatine in order to work up an appetite for the big feed in store for us. At dinner time we had a swell 'pranzone,' which is the Italian term for banquet. When we filed into the refectory we found it beautifully decorated with the American colors. We lined up on either side and then the rector came in, followed by Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a number of visiting clergymen, and Mr. White, the American Ambassador to Italy, and his secretary. Though Mr. White is not of our fold, it was a source of much gratification to us to have our Ambassador with us on this our national holiday. We had an excellent dinner, in which the American bird—the turkey, not the eagle—was the headline, while two kinds of wine and several fine pastries were well up on the list. It is needless to say we did ample justice to all, for we lingered about the festive board for much more than an hour. In the afternoon, after a brief rest, we took a trip outside the city to Monte Lacer and had a most enjoyable time. In the evening we had Pontifical benediction with Bishop Richter officiating.

"December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, was a red letter day for the students of the American College in more ways than one. In the morning we had a Pontifical solemn high mass, the celebrant being Archbishop Seton, of New Jersey, with yours truly as an acolyte. They are very strict on ceremonies here, and I am glad to state that all came through without an error, the effect being sublime, because, as you know, nothing can surpass solemn ceremonies when properly enacted. Following this we had another 'pranzone,' which was the real article. These banquets, I am glad to say, are frequent occurrences here, and are given on the special great feasts, or very often when a distinguished visitor graces the festive board. It is customary for every alumnus of the institution to set up a pranzone to the boys when he visits his alma mater.

"In the afternoon we had the main event of the day, for then it was that we had our first audience with the Pope. We left for the Vatican about 2 o'clock and having arrived there, went to one of the cortices, where all lined up for a college picture. We had hoped that the Pope would join us, but he did not do so. I learned later that he was desirous of so doing, but that one of his attendants persuaded him not to do so, as some of the other colleges would feel slighted that the same privilege had not been extended to them. However, some of the boys had cameras along and during the audience the Holy Father consented to pose with the bunch. These pictures are small, but really turned out very well. The large group is fair. We are not permitted to send any on which the Pope appears out of the house. The reason of this, I suppose, because such pictures usually find their way into magazines and newspapers, which is not desirable.

"Well, for the audience all went to one of the Vatican balconies and there awaited his Holiness. After a considerable wait he finally came in with a radiant smile illuminating his countenance. All knelt down and the Holy Father passed along the line, giving to each his hand and allowing each to kiss his ring. My! What an event it is to see the successor of Christ for the first time! It really sends a thrill through one to come into personal contact with him of whom we have heard so much and whom we revere as the head of the universal church.

"Pius X. is a father in every sense of the word. When you stand in his presence and have him look upon you with that calm, peaceful, benign face your heart goes out to him, and he is so simple in his manner! It is a wonderful thing, indeed, to find such great simplicity and humility in the man who holds the highest earthly position. And what a sharp eye he has! While passing along the line I watched him closely and saw that while giving his hand to one he was closely scrutinizing the next in line. But the most striking trait of the Holy Father is his affability—that smile of his scarcely ever leaves his countenance. "Having completed the circuit, the Holy Father stood at the end of the apartment and we crowded about him. He bade us all kneel and he gave us his blessing, not only for ourselves, but for all our relatives and friends we might have in mind. After this we all stood erect while he gave us a short talk, in which he exhorted us to further progress in knowledge and virtue. He also passed a few compliments to our worthy rector, Monsignor Kennedy, who is indeed worthy of all the praise he gets. Having concluded, he passed out and thus terminated our first meeting with our sovereign Pontiff."

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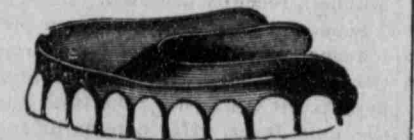
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